

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED SYNOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJOINING STATES; HELD
IN ORWIGSBURG, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PA.

FROM THE SIXTH TO THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1835.

"Let brotherly love continue."—PAUL.

CARLISLE

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PROCEEDINGS, &c.

In conformity with a resolution of the Synod of September 1834, the members of the German Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania, and adjoining States, together with their respective delegates were convened in the borough of Orwigsburg, in Schuylkill county, Pa. on the 1st Sabbath in September, A. D., 1835. On the Saturday previous, the services preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, were conducted by the Rev. brethren, Thomas H. Leinbach and Henry Bibighaus, the former delivering a very appropriate sermon from Ephes. 4, 1—6 ; and the latter addressing the audience on the exalted nature and design of this Feast of Love. In the evening of the same day the candidates for the gospel ministry, Messrs. W. T. Gerhard and C. F. Winter, addressed an attentive audience, from John 14, 21.—and Phillp. 2, 5. The following morning, being appointed as the time to celebrate the Lord's Supper, the brethren of the ministry together with their deputies, and a numerous concourse of people repaired to the House of God. The solemnities of the occasion were introduced by the Rev. J. S. Dubbs, President of the Synod, who delivered an energetic pastoral sermon from John 15, 5. after which, the *emblems* of the *broken Body* and *shed blood* of the *dear Redeemer*, as the *bread* and *water of life* to *all true believers*, were dispensed to the Ministers of the Gospel and other communicating members, in a manner calculated to make a lasting impression for good, upon all present. Sabbath afternoon, the Rev. John C. Guldin delivered a sermon from Phil. 2, 30. and in the evening of the same day, the congregation was again addressed by the Rev. F. E. Von der Sloot, from Ps. 37, 7. and by the Rev. J. Davis, in the English language, from Matth. 27, 39. In this manner, were the solemnities of a day concluded, never to be forgotten by the persons who enjoyed a participation in them,

FIRST SESSION.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock, the Ministers with their Deputies, met together in the church, according to previous notice, when the business of Synod was commenced by singing and prayer. Upon calling the names, the following members were found in attendance :

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| 1. Rev'ds. John C. Guldin, | Deputy, W. Parker. |
| 2. C. G. Herman, | D. Shall & J. Wanner. |
| 3. Henry Bibenhaus, | |
| 4. J. S. Dubbs, | Peter Butz. |
| 5. T. H. Leinbach, | D. Klapp, D. Werner, |
| | D. Brombach, J. Leisz, |
| | F. Muth & F. Miller. |
| 6. A. L. Herman, | J. Scott, J. Ebeling, & |
| 7. S. Seibert, | Ph. Bensing. |
| 8. J. F. Stiehley, | J. Knerr. |
| 9. F. E. Von der Sloot, | |
| 10. J. S. Ebaugh, | |
| 11. L. C. Herman, | |
| 12. C. L. Daubert, | |
| 13. D. Hassinger, | J. Boltz, and P. Reber. |
| 14. B. T. Neal, | |
| 15. Cand. F. Schmeckenbecher, | G. Hunsinger, |
| 16. Jonas Sellers, | |
| 17. I. Alleborn, | |
| 18. J. Davis, | |
| 19. J. S. Herman | |

ABSENTEES, WERE

20. Rev'ds. F. L. Herman,
21. R. T. Herman,
22. S. Tobias,
23. J. Althaus,
24. W. Von der Sloot,
25. G. Riemensneider,
26. J. Riemensneider,
27. C. Weinbrenner,
28. G. Miller,
29. J. Carter.

APPLICANTS, WERE

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| 1. Rev'ds. George Leidy, | 5. G. H. Brandau, |
| 2. F. Lauener, | 6. J. Fingado, |
| 3. Cand. C. F. Winter, | 7. A. Hunger. |
| 4. W. T. Gerhard, | |

The members of Synod now proceeded to the election of the officers, upon which the Rev. C. G. Hennen was unanimously elected President—Rev. C. L. Daubert, Recording Secretary—Rev. Henry Bibighaus, Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. J. Lenhard, Treasurer.

1. Upon motion,—the Constitution of the Synod was read.
 2. The President requested each of the members of Synod to report his ministerial transactions for the past year, which was accordingly done.
 3. The next business in order, was the reading of the proceedings of the Synod held in Allentown, 1835; which was attended to.
 4. Upon motion,—it was resolved, that in future, if any member of this connexion shall omit attending the meetings of Synod, for three years in succession, without communicating to Synod by letter or otherwise, a sufficient apology for his absence, he shall be excluded from this body.
 5. Resolved, That the deputies, Messrs. D. Brombach, J. Leisz, D. Werner, and J. Mager have leave of absence.
- Concluded with devotional exercises.

SECOND SESSION.

After a sermon was delivered by the Candidate, Mr. G. H. Brandau, from James 1, 22. the session of Synod was opened by the President, in an address to the Throne of Grace.

1. The committee appointed to ordain the Licentiate, Rev. G. Miller, as soon as he had received a call to the pastoral charge of a Congregation, reported that they had not ordained said brother Miller, in consequence of his having as yet, no call.
2. The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Guldin, reported that, in accordance with the resolution of the Synod last year, he had addressed a letter to our brethren, G. and J. Riemensneider, requesting

them to communicate to us the cause of their silence for the past year, but had received no reply.

3. Resolved, That, inasmuch as brother F. Shmeckenbecher has received a call from Congregations in Lycoming county, Pa. he be examined, and in case he renders satisfaction, he shall be licensed as a Minister of the Gospel,
4. The committee appointed to publish a statement of the rise and progress of this Synod, reported that nothing has been done in this matter.
5. The President called upoe each member of Synod to report what he had done, in support of the Missionary Cause in his congregations.
6. The former Secretary of Synod reported, that he had transmitted the appointed number of copies of the proceedings of this Synod, to our sister Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed churches in Ohio.
7. Upon motion, it was Resolved, That the last resolution in the proceedings of Synod of 1835, read thus : "That the Rev. H. Bibighaus unite with the other members of Synod, in a fervent address to the Throne of Grace, in behalf of our venerable brother, Rev. F. L. Herman, sen., who labours at present under much bodily infirmity."
8. The President appointed the following committees :
 - a.* To examine the applicants, Rev. G. Leidy and Rev. F. Lauener : the Rev'ds. J. S. Ebaugh, F. E. Von der Sloot, and H. Bibighaus, and deputies Messrs. D. Shall and G. Wanner;
 - b.* To examine the applicants, C. F. Winter and G. H. Brandau : the Rev. brethren C. G. Herman, J. S. Dubbs and T. H. Leinbach ;
 - c.* The brethren J. S. Ebaugh, F. E. Von der Sloot and J. C. Guldin, were appointed to examine the applicants Messrs. J. Fingado, W. T. Gerhard and J. Schmeckenbecher ;
 - d.* The Rev'ds. C. L. Daubert, J. F. Stiehly and D. Hassinger, and Messrs. D. Klapp and P.

Butz, composed the committee appointed to examine the applicant Mr. A. Hunger ;

e. The committee appointed to examine the Diaries of the Licentiates of this Synod, were the Rev'ds. A. L. Herman and H. Bibighaus

f. The Rev'ds. J. Alleborn and J. S. Herman, and Messrs. F. Muth, F. Miller and W. Parker, were appointed a committee to examine into the state of the treasury ;

g. A committee, consisting of the brethren Rev. L. Herman, and Messrs. W. Parker, D. Shall and J. Knox, were appointed to examine the proceedings received from other sister Synods ;

Concluded with singing and prayer.

This evening, the Rev. J. S. Ebaugh delivered a sermon in the English language, from Ps. 19, 7—10, with a view of spreading before Synod, the operations and designs of the American Bible Society.

THIRD SESSION—*Tuesday Morning.*

The session was commenced with singing & prayer.

1. On motion, it was resolved that the Rev. Mr. Herpel, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, be received as an advisory member of this Synod.

2. The late President of Synod, the Rev. J. S. Dubbs, reported, that upon due examination he had licensed Messrs. J. S. Hennen and J. Davis, to the Gospel Ministry, according to the provisions of the constitution of Synod on this subject.

3. The committee, appointed to examine the Rev. F. Lauener in relation to his reception as a member of this Synod, Report, that they have received plenary satisfaction as to his testimonials of qualifications and exemplary conduct, and his entire willingness to labour in any part of the Lord's vineyard to which this Synod is pleased to direct him ; your committee therefore, cordially recommend his reception as a member into the connexion of this Reverend Body.

John S. Ebaugh, H. Bibighaus, D. Werner,
F. E. Von der Sloot, & D. Shall.

This report was unanimously adopted.

4. The committee, appointed to examine the Rev. George Leidy, Reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and learned that he has recently accepted a call to three congregations in Bedford, Pa. and its vicinity, and from all the circumstances connected with his case, it appears to be the will of the Lord, that he should connect himself with this Synod. Your committee therefore recommend his reception as a member into this Synod; and that both brother Leidy and Lauener be furnished with letters of recommendation, undersigned by the President and Secretary, and under seal of this Synod.

H. Bibighaus, J. S. Ebaugh, J. Wanner,
D. Shall, & F. E. Von der Sloot.

Resolved that this report be adopted, and that brother G. Leidy be considered henceforth a member in good standing in this Synod.

8. The committee, appointed to examine the candidates Messrs. C. F. Winter and G. H. Brandau, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that both these young brethren evinced such an acquaintance with the different branches of science and religion that belonged to the Gospel ministry, as enabled them to recommend them cordially to be received as Licentiates of this Synod.

J. S. Dubbs, C. G. Herman & T. H. Leinbach.

This report was unanimously adopted, and the brethren Messrs. Brandau and Winter were received as members into regular connexion with this Body.

6. The committee, appointed to examine the case of Mr. A. Hunger, made report as follows: "We, the Committee appointed to examine the application of Mr. A. Hunger, Report, That we have found his circumstances to be of such a nature, that we would recommend him to prosecute his studies until next spring, under the direction of brother T. H. Leinbach, and in case he then receives a call from a Congregation, the President of Synod grant him a Candidate's License.

C. L. Daubert, J. F. Stiehle, D. Hassinger,
D. Klapp and P. Brutz.

Resolved that this report be adopted.

7. The committee appointed to examine the state of the treasury reported, that in discharging the duty assigned them, they found a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of \$23 25.

J. Alleborn, W. Parker, F. Muth, &
J. S. Herman.

Resolved that this report be adopted.

8. The committee, appointed to examine the Minutes received from sister Synods. report as follows :
"Your committee have examined the proceedings of our sister Synods of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjoining States. but have found nothing having direct reference to this Synod, excepting that they resolved to transmit to each ecclesiastical Body in correspondence with them, twelve copies of their synodical proceedings."

L. C. Herman, W. Parker, D. Shall and
J. Knerr.

This report was adopted.

9. Upon motion it was resolved, that we receive the proceedings of the different sister Synods with gratitude, and in return for this exhibition of their christian affection, transmit to each of them a similar number of copies of the proceedings of this Synod.

10. Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit twelve copies of the proceedings of this Synod, to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

11. It was moved, seconded, and resolved, That the President appoint the following members as a committee, to make report upon the state of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, viz : H. Bibighaus, J. C. Guldin, G. Leidy, J. Alleborn, W. Parker, D. Klapp, R. Butz and J. Wanner.

12. Resolved, That the Rev. Jonas Sellers be ordained to the Gospel Ministry this evening, by the solemn imposition of hands; and that the following members of Synod be appointed a committee for this purpose : H. Bibighaus, J. C. Guldin, T. H. Leinbach and John S. Ebaugh.

13. Resolved, That the Rev. C. L. Daubert preach the Ordination Sermon.

14. Resolved, That the License of the Rev. J. Davis be renewed for one year.

15. It was also resolved, That the License of the Rev. J. Alleborn be renewed for one year.

16. The Rev. R. T. Herman transmitted to Synod, an apology by his Rev. brother C. G. Herman, for his absence from Synod—which was sustained.

17. Upon motion it was resolved, That Rev. S. Seibert's absenting himself from Synod in consequence of indisposition, be excused.

18. Upon motion it was unanimously resolved, That each brother of this connexion, make it his business as far as practicable, to introduce Zollikoffer's Prayer Book, &c. into form, for the extension of the Church of Christ; the profits of which are to be applied to aid the following Missionary Society :

19. Unanimously resolved, That the members of this Synod form a MISSIONARY SOCIETY, twelve of whom shall be elected to constitute a Board of Missions, to superintend the interests and objects of this society for one year from date, and shall send one or more Missionaries to visit and labour in the vacant congregations in different parts of our beloved country. The members of said Board are : H. Bibighaus, G. Leidy, J. C. Guldin, J. S. Dubbs, A. L. Herman, John S. Ebaugh, C. L. Daubert, T. H. Leinbach, D. Klapp, J. Scott, sr, P. Butz and W. Parker.

20. The Synod now proceeded to elect the President Rev. C. G. Herman, Treasurer of said Board of Missions.

21. The session was now concluded by uniting in devotional exercises, arising from hearts as of one accord, in view of the proceedings of this day.

FOURTH SESSION—*Tuesday Afternoon.*

After the candidate, J. S. Herman had delivered a sermon from 1 Peter, 1, 22. the Synod again commenced its session by celebrating the praises and

supplicating the presence and benediction of Jehovah.

1. The committee appointed to examine the applicants, Messrs. Schmeckenbecher, Gerhard, and Fingado made report as follows: Your committee, in discharging the duty assigned it, Report, that in relation to the two first named brethren, the committee received such evidence of their possessing the necessary qualifications for the discharge of the duties of the Gospel ministry as to lead the committee to recommend them for licensure to this synod;—in relation to brother Fingado, the committee advises that he continue his studies for another year, under the direction of a member of this synod, and in case he then appears before synod with good testimonials, he shall receive a candidate's license." J. S. Ebaugh, F. E. Von der Sloot and J. C. Guldin.—This report was unanimously adopted, as far as it related to the brethren Gerhard and Schmeckenbecher, but in relation to the latter gentleman, Mr Fingado, a new committee was appointed to examine into his matters, consisting of the Rev'ds. J. F. Stiehle, J. Alleborn, L. C. Herman, and the deputies G. Hunsinger and J. Wanner.

2. The committee appointed to examine the diaries of the Licentiates reported as follows. "That in fulfilment of the duties assigned us, we find the said diaries conducted to our entire satisfaction. H. Bibinghaus, and A. L. Herman.

This report was adopted.

3 Upon motion it was resolved, that the corresponding secretary of synod, transmit a reply to the communication of the two members of the congregation of Allegheny town.

4 Resolved, That the Rev J. S. Dubbs, together with his deputy, have leave of absence to-morrow morning.

5 Resolved, That the managers of the Missionary society meet this evening, for the purpose of framing a Constitution for said society, and that they report progress to-morrow morning.

6 Upon motion resolved, That the first specimen number of a German Monthly Periodical, edited by the Rev. J. C. Guldin, be published within four months from date, and if circumstances permit, and it is found practicable, it shall be regularly issued monthly, under the Board of Missions of this synod.

7 Resolved, That the synod adjourn until to-morrow morning; which was carried into effect by singing and prayer.

This evening the members of synod, together with a numerous concourse of people repaired to the House of God, for the purpose of attending the solemnities connected with the ordination of the Rev. J. Sellers, on this occasion, the Ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. L. Daubert, from John 15, 16—after which, the committee appointed for the purpose, proceeded to the ordination. During these solemnities, connected with the imposition of hands, many of the assembly gave vent to the deep feelings of their hearts by streams of tears, as the brethren of the ministry and congregation prostrated before Jehovah, wrestled with God in supplication and prayer, for an abiding benediction upon this transaction. The brethren then arose, much refreshed from the presence of the Lord, and presented to the ordained brother the right hand of fellowship, while a number of them accompanied this indication of his reception into full communion, as an ordained minister of the Gospel of this Synod, with most appropriate remarks by way of advice, counsel and encouragement, to be ever found on the *alert*, as a faithful Watchman on the walls of Zion.

SESSION FIFTH—*Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock.*

Opened with devotional exercises.

1. The committee appointed to report on the state of religion in the bounds of this synod, made the following report: "On the state of religion, within the bounds of this synod, your committee would present the following: That the brethren connected with this branch of Zion, as we believe, labour with more

than usual zeal in building up the Church of Jesus Christ; and as a consequence hereof, much more feeling on the subject of religion is found to exist, among the congregations composing their respective charges, than formerly; but your committee are still convinced, that much more remains to be done; and that a deplorable deficiency is yet found among thousands on the subject of experimental religion. Your committee therefore, would humbly suggest the propriety of synod's recommending to all the brethren and congregations in this connexion, where it is practicable to hold conferences, or a continuation of public worship for several days in succession."

H Bibighaus, J C Guldin, G Leidy, J Alleborn, W Parker, D Parker, and P Butz.

This report was most cheerfully adopted.

2 The committee appointed again to examine the case of Mr J Fingado, made the following report: "That we have found this case to be of such a nature, that we recommend the adoption of the report already made by the committee who examined Mr J Fingado."

J F Stiehle, J Alleborn, G Hunsinger, W Wanner and L. C. Herman.

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

3 The committee appointed to draft a constitution for a Missionary Society, made the following Report: "At a meeting of the Directors of the Missionary society convened at the house of Mr Hunsinger in Orwigsburg, on the 8th of September, 1835, the following members were present: H Bibighaus, G Leidy C S Dubbs, A L Herman, J S Ebaugh, T H Leinbach, J C Guldin, D Klapp, P. Butz and W Parker. The meeting was organized by appointing Rev H Bibighaus, Pres: and Rev J S Ebaugh, secretary. After the President communicated, that the object of the meeting was to draft a constitution for the regulation of the future proceedings of this Society; the following articles were unanimously adopted, viz: -

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called, "The Missionary Society of the German Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania and adjoining States.

2. This society shall be composed of the members of the German Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania, and adjacent states.

3. The Synod shall elect the Board of Managers of this society, at its annual meetings, who shall consist of the ministers and deputies of synod, it being however understood, that the members of the present Board are re-eligible to office.

4. The object of this society shall be, to send Missionaries to *such places* where there are vacant congregations, or where congregations may be organized; and where the cause of God may most require their labours.

5. The managers shall assemble themselves together as soon as possible after their election, for the purpose of electing their officers, who shall be composed of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee.

6. The executive committee shall consist of three members of the board of managers, together with the officers of this society, four of whom shall constitute a quorum.

7. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine such ministers of the gospel as may make application; and if satisfied with their qualifications, furnish them with credentials of their regular appointment as missionaries, and send them into such departments of the vineyard of the Lord, as they may deem most expedient.

8. Those who labour as missionaries under the direction of the board, shall transmit a report of their labours monthly, to the president of this society.

9. Those who labour as missionaries under the direction of this board, shall each receive as a remuneration of their labours \$30 per month, on condition that he or they transmit all monies collected or received, while engaged in labouring under the patronage of this society, to the treasurer of this board, for

the use of this society, for which he or they shall receive a receipt from the treasurer, countersigned by the president and secretary of the executive committee.

10. In cases of necessity the president, upon the request of two or more members of the board, shall call meetings of the executive committee.

11. In the absence of the president or secretary of this board, a president or secretary *pro tem* may be appointed.

12. This constitution may be altered or amended, by a majority of the members of synod.

HENRY BIBIGHAUS, *President.*

JOHN S. EBAUGH, *Secretary.*

This report was adopted.

4. Upon motion, it was unanimously resolved, that the following persons constitute the executive committee of the above society, viz : W. Parker, A. L. Herman and T. H. Leinbach.

5. Resolved, That *Good Friday*, 1836, be observed as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving in all the congregations in connexion with this synod.

6. The synod now proceeded to the appointment of the place for the next annual meeting of synod, and upon counting the votes, Philadelphia was found to be the place chosen, and the time of meeting to be on the first Sabbath in September, 1836.

7. Resolved, That 1000 copies of the proceedings of this synod be printed, to-wit : 600 in the German and 400 in the English language.

8. Resolved, That the Missionary report of brother J. Davis, be handed over to the managers of the Missionary society.

9. Resolved, That the report of brother J. S. Ebaugh, containing a succinct account of his labours during the past year, be published with the proceedings of this synod : which is as follows—“In compliance with a standing resolution of this reverend Body, I transmit herewith a written report of my labours in the vineyard of the Lord, during the past year, ending the 1st of September, 1835. After my

return home from the synod in Allentown, in September, 1834, I proceeded to Perry county, for the purpose of holding a protracted meeting in a vacant congregation in the neighbourhood of Ickesburg, having obtained for the purpose the aid of the Rev. Geo. Duffield of Carlisle, and Rev. J. Sellers, here present. The meeting commenced on Thursday, and continued until Sabbath evening following, with increasing interest. Sabbath, being the time appointed for the administration of the Lord's Supper, there were 33 members added unto this Church, as the fruits of a revival of religion, brought about through my feeble instrumentality and labours during the preceding summer. These individuals, together with many others in this congregation and neighbourhood, have since proved by their consistent walk and conversation, that they have hopefully passed from death unto life, insomuch, that there appears to have been a great reformation effected by means thereof for miles around the church in which this meeting was held.

In the month of November following, I visited Middletown, Dauphin county, where I was solicited to spend the sabbath, and to aid the Rev. Peter Sahm, pastor of the Lutheran church, in the services connected with the administration of the Lord's Supper, on which occasion I preached three times; aided said brother, in the distribution of the emblems of the dying love of Jesus, to a large number of deeply affected communicants, and had the pleasure of learning during my stay in that place, that the congregation became roused to a sense of the preciousness of having the Word of God preached to them every sabbath, instead of once a month; and were induced at once to increase their contributions more than double, and requested their pastor to relinquish the charge of four or five other congregations, for the purpose of affording the inhabitants of Middletown and vicinity, an opportunity of attending the public services of the sanctuary every sabbath.

About this time I also entered upon the discharge of the duties of Agent of the American Bible Socie-

ty, and the American Sunday School Union, for the State of Pennsylvania ; and as such visited, during the six months for which I was appointed, ten counties of the state, and preached often ten times a week, on the subject of my agencies, and succeeded in establishing, and resuscitating about 20 Sabbath Schools—and disposed of about \$300 00 worth Sabbath School books, and used every effort to further the interests of the Sabbath schools generally.

In the cause of the American Bible Society I have also laboured, from last November to the present time ; during which period I have visited 16 counties, and preached very frequently, and succeeded in organizing 15 Auxiliary Bible Societies, which promise the distribution of many thousands of copies of the sacred scriptures, and to aid the cause of the Bible both in this and foreign lands.

I also attended several protracted meetings; and in labouring on these occasions with brethren of different evangelical denominations, had my soul often refreshed, in beholding the Word of God having free course, running and being glorified, in the hopeful conviction and conversion of many precious souls, and turning them from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

In the month of May last, I attended the anniversaries of different national Benevolent Societies in New York, such as the American Bible Society—the Home Missionary Society—American Tract Society—the American Board of Missions for Foreign Missions, &c., 12 in number ; and was rejoiced to learn from their annual reports, that they have received within the year past, ending in May 1835, upwards of \$500,000, for the extension of the Kingdom of the dear Redeemer in this and foreign lands ; and in justice to my own feelings I must say, that those anniversaries afforded me one of the most perfect feasts of reason and flows of soul that I ever participated of ; and I most seriously advise each member of this Reverend Body, who can possibly make it convenient,

to spend the second week in next May, in N. York, in attending those anniversaries ; inasmuch as the brethren in the city, make a general provision for the entertainment of the brethren from a distance, who may visit the city on those occasions.

In conclusion, I would only remark further that, I have presented a very concise report of my labours in the past year, as I am well aware that were I to enter into details on this subject as entered in my diary, it would swell my report beyond the limits usually allotted for communications of this nature, in the proceedings of our Synod — All of which is respectfully submitted by your sincere brother in Christ,

JOHN S. EBAUGH.

Orwigsburg, Sept. 7th, 1835.

P. S. I consider the past year, one of the most useful and important years of my life.

16. The business of Synod having been concluded, in a most fraternal manner our Rev. brother Lauener, entertained the congregation during the remainder of the forenoon, with an interesting discourse from John 21, 15--17. At the conclusion of these exercises, the Rev. H. Bibighaus by request of the President of the Synod, presented the united thanks of the members of Synod, to the inhabitants of Orwigsburg and its vicinity, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the brethren during the sessions of Synod ; and commended the brethren, with their respective congregations to the guidance and protection of Jesus Christ, as the great Archbishop of Souls. This being done, the brethren all, prostrated themselves before a Throne of Grace, and united in pouring out their praises and thanksgivings to God, for the special love and unanimity with which the Synod had been conducted, through all the important business which claimed the attention of the brethren during its sessions ; of which it might be emphatically said : "Behold how lovely it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."

This evening, the Rev. J. S. Ebaugh ascended the sacred desk again, and preached to an attentive audience from Ezek. 37, 7—9. and was followed by brother B. T. Neal in an address, and by prayer and thanksgiving to the God of all grace, for the hopeful amount of good which He had accomplished through the instrumentality of his ministering servants, during the convention of Synod.

I do hereby certify, that the foregoing is, in substance, a true Copy of the proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Pennsylvania, and adjoining States.

CHARLES LEWIS DAUBERT, *Sec'y.*

DONATIONS TO THE TREASURY.

<i>Rev'ds.</i> S. Seibert	\$1 50	F. L. Herman	\$5 00
S. F. Stiehle	2 50	L. C. Herman	3 00
J. Sellers	50	J. C. Guldin	2 00
A. L. Herman	2 00	T. H. Leinbach	2 50
J. S. Dubbs	2 00	C. G. Herman	4 00
G. Leidy	50	J. Lauener	2 50
<i>Cand's.</i> J. Davis	60	J. H. Brandau	1 00
E. F. Winter	1 00	J. S. Herman	2 00
J. Fingado	50	Collections	6 20
			39 10
Balance in the Treasury of the former year			23 25
		Total,	\$62 45

COLLECTIONS FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. H. Bibighaus, Salem's Church, Phil.	\$20 04	
J. S. Dubbs, Allentown	\$13 57	
Jordan	11 13	
Union	15 38	
Egypt	12 10—	52 23
J. S. Ebaugh—profits from the sale of Zollikoffer's Prayer Book		10 00
J. C. Guldin, Trapp	\$4 15	
Vincent	4 46	
St. Mathew's	4 36	
Braunbach's	8 04	
St. Peter's	3 50—	24 51
C. G. Herman		10 00
C. L. Daubert		4 00
T. H. Leinbach Shaferstown	\$3 44	
Klopp's	2 90	
Reamstown	2 00	
Northkill	2 19	
Schwamm	1 10	
Salem	1 33	
Tulpehocken	9 75—	22 71
Total		141 99

STATISTICAL REPORT **Of German Reformed Churches in Pennsylvania and adjoining States.**

<i>Names of Pastors.</i>	<i>Congreg.</i>	<i>NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.</i>	<i>Baptiz.</i>	<i>Confirm.</i>	<i>Commu.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Schools.</i>
F. L. Herman	4.	Pottsgrove, Montgomery county; Amity, Boyer & Pike, Berks county,	86	103	560	10	6
J. C. Guldin	7.	Vincent, Braunbach's, Ryin, & St. Mathews, Chester county; Trapp, Montgom. county; Allegheny, Berks county, & Centre, Lancaster co.	70	97	371	18	6
R. T. Herman	3.	Exeter township, Berks county—no report.					
C. G. Herman	6.	Kurztown, Delonas, Rion, Peters, Dunkels, & Harford, Berks county,	281	64	1111	55	11
T. H. Leimbach	10.	Tulpehocken, St. Jacobs, Kloppe, Shaferstown, and Mehlbach, Leb. co.; Host, Northkill & Salem, Berks co.; Reamstown and Swamp, Lancaster co.	168	98	1078	60	10
J. S. Dubbs	4.	Allentown, Egypt, Union, & Jordan, Lehigh co.,	156	79	1071	43	13
H. Bibighaus	2.	Salem, in Philadelphia, and Frankfort,	138	15	508	76	1
A. L. Herman	8.	No report.					

J. F. Stiehle	7. Salems, Stahlmans, Williams & Artzen, Schuylkill co.; Davids and Hornbergers, Northumberland; and Klingers, Dauphin county	85	19	336	37	7
S. Seibert	5. Hummelstown, Dauphin co.; Kisselberg, Whiteoak and Zions, Lancaster county,	84	42	122	6	8
S. Tobias	6. No report.					
J. Althouser	5. No report.					
F. E. V. der Slood	8. Salem, Fileys, Rosstown, Lewistown & Franklin, York co.; Trindles Spring and Churchtown, Cumberland county; Bermudian, Adams county	208	79	879	79	11
J. S. Ebaugh	— Agent of the American Bible Society for Penn.					
C. L. Daubert	5. Alleghenytown, East Liberty, Steiners & Hodels in Allegheny co.; and Phillipsburg, Beaver co.	94	54	312	22	1
D Hassinger	3. Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, &c.					
G. Riemensneider	} Preble co. Ohio—no report.					
J. Riemensneider	} No report.					
C. Winebrenner	4. Missionary, Pa.—no report.					
B. T. Neal	Missionary, N. York—no report.					
J. Carter	Missionary, Pa.—no report.					
J. Sellers	Missionary, Chester co., Pa.—no report.					
J. Davis	No report.					
J. Alleborn						

F. Schmecken- becher	4. Friedens Church, Cherry P. O.; Bellatimer, Ly- coming county; and Albany, Bedford co.,	8		
G. Leidy	3. Bedford, Friendscove and Shellsburg	30	35	60
F. Lauener	Doylestown, Missionary, Bucks county	80		
J. S. Herman	2. No report.			
E. F. Winter	No report.			
W. G. Gerhard	No report.			
G. H. Brandau	No report.			